

D1 (cont)
an oxygen barrier polymer, an oxygen scavenging polymer, and an oxidation catalyst, wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene/methyl acrylate/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate terpolymer (EMCM), ethylene/vinyl cyclohexene copolymer (EVCH), ethylene/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate copolymer (ECHA), and cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate homopolymer (CHAA).

D2
20. (Twice Amended) A packaging article, comprising:
at least one oxygen barrier layer comprising an oxygen barrier polymer and an oxygen scavenging polymer,

wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene/methyl acrylate/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate terpolymer (EMCM), ethylene/vinyl cyclohexene copolymer (EVCH), ethylene/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate copolymer (ECHA), and cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate homopolymer (CHAA).

D3
49. (Twice Amended) A method of making an oxygen barrier composition comprising an oxygen barrier polymer and an oxygen scavenging polymer, comprising:

providing the oxygen barrier polymer and the oxygen scavenging polymer; and

blending the oxygen barrier polymer and the oxygen scavenging polymer to form the

oxygen barrier composition, wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer is selected from ethylene/methyl acrylate/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate terpolymer (EMCM), ethylene/vinyl cyclohexene copolymer (EVCH), ethylene/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate copolymer (ECHA), and cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate homopolymer (CHAA).

D4 (cont)
59. (Twice Amended) A method of making an oxygen barrier composition comprising an oxygen barrier polymer and an oxygen scavenging polymer, wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer is present as an insoluble filler, comprising:

providing the oxygen barrier polymer and the oxygen scavenging polymer, wherein the

oxygen scavenging polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene/methyl acrylate/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate terpolymer (EMCM),

ethylene/vinyl cyclohexene copolymer (EVCH), ethylene/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate copolymer (ECHA), and cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate homopolymer (CHAA);

cross-linking the oxygen scavenging polymer with itself, to form an insoluble oxygen scavenging polymer; and

mixing the oxygen barrier polymer and the insoluble oxygen scavenging polymer, to form the oxygen barrier composition.

D41
mod 60. (Twice Amended) A method of forming an oxygen barrier layer in a packaging article, comprising:

providing an oxygen barrier composition comprising an oxygen barrier polymer and an oxygen scavenging polymer, wherein the oxygen scavenging polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene/methyl acrylate/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate terpolymer (EMCM), ethylene/vinyl cyclohexene copolymer (EVCH), ethylene/cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate copolymer (ECHA), and cyclohexenylmethyl acrylate homopolymer (CHAA); and

forming the composition into the packaging article or an oxygen barrier layer thereof.

REMARKS

1. Status of claims

After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-4, 7-23, 26-44, 46-51, 54-62, and 65-78 are pending, and claims 4, 8, 23, 27, 51, and 73 have been withdrawn from consideration. Though based on the best information available to Applicants, this list of claim status does not correspond to that given by the Examiner on the cover page of the Advisory Action mailed on December 24, 2002. Clarification is respectfully requested.